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Multiple-Meaning Words

Directions: Use context to determine and write the word's part of speech and probable meaning. Then, circle the sentence that uses the word in the *most* similar way.

1. Always keep the **well** covered, so no one can fall in and drown.

Part of Speech: _____

Probable Meaning: _____

- a. I am not feeling **well** enough to go to the party.
- b. Susie's lip quivered and tears began to **well** up in her eyes.
- c. Laura drew a pailful of fresh water from the **well**.

2. She put a white china **bowl** of tomatoes on the table and admired the effect.

Part of Speech: _____

Probable Meaning: _____

- a. You have be strong and accurate to **bowl** a strike.
- b. Rinse the **bowl** out with water and dry it before you put the fruit in it.
- c. Sherlock Holmes tapped down the tobacco in the **bowl** of his pipe.

3. We will **head** for the beach right after breakfast tomorrow morning.

Part of Speech: _____

Probable Meaning: _____

- a. The executive was the **head** of the giant corporation.
- b. Katya had always had a good **head** on her shoulders.
- c. Why don't we **head** for the ice-cream parlor after the picnic?

4. I can see by the actor's **grave** expression that his speech will be sad.

Part of Speech: _____

Probable Meaning: _____

- a. John F. Kennedy's **grave** is at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.
- b. Our financial situation is **grave**, but not so serious as it might be.
- c. Ricardo was in too **grave** a mood to smile at Cherry's jokes.

5. If you **break** anything in the gift shop, you will have to pay for the damage.

Part of Speech: _____

Probable Meaning: _____

- a. I was angry enough to **break** the pencil in two between my fingers.
- b. After two hours of study, the class took a fifteen-minute **break**.
- c. Most boys' voices **break** when they are in their very early teens.